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I am sure there will be a cutoff point. I am not sure that this, in anyway, would disadvantage a particular operation beyond the point that they are presently disadvantaged. I would also add that in that type of operation I think the most customary procedure would be the use of a check and this, in no way, precludes the use of checks. Our banking system, as we know it today, with checks and check cashing will continue.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I understand that, and, then, your answer to my question, you are saying that the installation of the hardware is the responsibility of the bank.

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KREMER: And not the merchant.

SENATOR MURPHY: No, sir.

SENATOR KREMER: And you don't feel as a merchant, the small operator will be at any disadvantage whatsoever compared to the large supermarket. I use that as an example.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would image, Senator Kremer, that in all honesty the indications are presently that the high volume turnover points are the points where most check cashing is done, where most of the payroll checks are presently cashed and that that would probably be continued to that degree but, as I say, really there will be no mandate, no preclusion and the continuation of check cashing as we know it today will continue.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you for your answer. I was a little concerned about our smaller towns, the small retail merchant that may not be able to adjust his operation to this kind of an approach. I support the program but I am concerned about these people and, perhaps, you are right. Thank you.

SENATOR MURPHY: If I may, Senator Kremer, I don't believe that you will find the use of these facilities too prevalent in outstate and our smaller communities by nature of the fact that there aren't just that many transactions. This is going to take the load off of the high volume transaction that is costly, expensive and requires maintaining large amounts of cash at the point of sale.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I would like to address a question to Senator Murphy.

SPEAKER: Senator Murphy, do you yield?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes sir.

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Murphy, I listened to your explanation to Senator Kremer and completely disagree with your answer. I cannot believe that the merchant will not be the person that does not have to pay for the facility that is in his place. You say, that he will not. It will be the responsibility of the banks.